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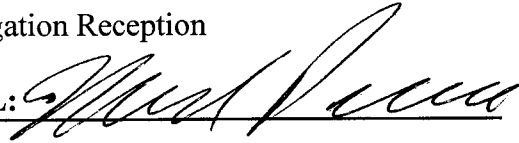
DATE: December 2, 2004

TO: Regional Council
Administrative Committee

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SUBJECT: 2005 California Federal Delegation Reception

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends that SCAG co-sponsor the 2005 California Federal Delegation Reception for an amount not to exceed **\$5,500.00**.

SUMMARY:

SCAG has been asked to co-sponsor the 2005 California Federal Delegation Reception costs of which are not to exceed \$5,500. The reception will be held in the Cannon House Office Building, Caucus Room 345, on Wednesday, March 9, 2005 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

BACKGROUND:

The goal of the reception is to continue to present a unified California and encourage our congressional delegation to work together on the region's transportation Appropriations and TEA-21 Reauthorization priorities. The California Congressional Delegation, House and Senate Members of the Appropriations and Authorizing Committees, DOT/FTA/FHWA, California Governor, CTC and business community will again be invited.

The 2004 reception host committee consisted of SCAG, MTC (representing 12 Bay Area transit operators), LACMTA (representing 16 transit operators), OCTA, SANBAG (Omitrans), RCTA (RTA), VCTC (transit provider) and Imperial County (transit provider). These hosts have been again asked to participate with outreach to SANDAG and parts of Central and Northern California still underway.

The 2004 cost of event, \$5,800, went to pay for the PR, catering and event signage related to the reception. A total of 10 California Congressional Members attended the reception.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding is available from the RC Special Projects General Fund Budget. Funds in the amount of \$9,200 were transferred from the General Fund Line of Credit Interest budget to RC Special Projects to cover this and the production of the member benefits brochure. Please see attached spreadsheet.

General Fund
RC Special Projects Line Item Budget
January 6, 2005

RC Special Projects	\$49,000
Transfer Funds to Travel for China Trip	(\$4,000)
Transfer Funds to RC General Assembly	(\$5,000)
Transfer Funds from Line of Credit Interest Costs	\$9,200
Return Funds from China Trip (Paid by FRA)	\$4,000
Remaining Budget	\$53,200
Co-Sponsorship of UCLA's Extension Public Policy Program 2004 Arrowhead Symposium	(\$8,000)
Co-Sponsorship of Rail-Volution Conference	(\$5,000)
Co-Sponsorship of So. California's Leadership Class XV Tuition, Luncheon, & Graduation	(\$12,500)
Sponsorship of 3 rd Annual Inland Empire Transportation & Logistics Summit	(\$500)
Legislative Drafting (Approved June 2004)	(\$7,000)
Tribal Summit	(\$200)
Peer Review Program (January – June 2005)	(\$2,500)
Sponsorship Clean Cities Conference & Expo	(\$2,500)
Production Costs for New Members Benefits Brochure	(\$3,500)
Sponsorship of 2005 California Federal Delegation Reception	(\$5,500)
January/ February China Trip	(\$4,000)
Balance as of December 2, 2004	\$2,000